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TELECOM NETWORK IN TRIBAL AND HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a separate plan and programme for development of telecommunication network in Tribal Areas and Hilly Areas of Orissa Circle;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the funds provided for above network plan to connect the tribal and remote villages and achievements made so far; and

(d) the network plan prepared for coastal and Chilika island groups so far and technology adopted for providing stable systems in these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has prepared programme for providing various schemes for development of telecommunication network in Tribal and Hilly Areas o f Orissa for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06. The details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) The funds provided for the network plan to connect the tribal and remote villages for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 23.61 crores.

The achievements made during 2004-05 (upto February, 2005)

(i) Switching Capacity Added = 6,672 lines

(ii) Direct Exchange Lines Added = 9,574

(Wired + Wireless in Local Loop)

(iii) Optical Fibre Cable = 62.5 Route Kilometers

(iv) Cellular Mobile = 29,951 Nos.

(d) The network plan prepared for coastal and Chilika Island groups so far and technology adopted for providing stable systems in these areas for the year 2004-05 is given in Annexure-ll. ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK IN TRIBAL AND HILLY AREAS OF ORISSA FOR THE YEARS 2004-05 & 2005-06

Sl.No	Parameter	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Local Switching Capacity Expansion /Upgradation (in lines)	5,000	3,000
2.	TAX New/Expansion (in lines)	12,000	Nil
3.	Wireless in Local Loop (WLL)(in lines)	14,500	4,000
4.	Cellular Mobiles (in lines)	1,08,000	1,95,500
5.	Village Public Telephones (VPT)using	3,918	1,000

Digital Satellite Phone Terminal (DSPT) (in Nos.)		
6. Access Node Rural Automatic Exchnage (ANRAX) commissioned (in Nos.)	141	Nil

DETAILS OF NETWORK PLAN FOR COASTAL AND CHILIKA ISLAND GROUPS AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTED FOR PROVIDING STABLE SYSTEMS FOR THE YEAR 2004-05.

Sl.No	Parameter	Coastal & Chilika
1.	Local Switching Capacity Expansion /Upgradation (in lines)	8,320
2.	TAX New/Expansion (in lines)	8,000
3.	Wireless in Local Loop (WLL)(in lines)	54,500
4.	Cellular Mobiles (in lines)	2,82,500
5.	Village Public Telephones (VPT)using Digital Satellite Phone Terminal (DSPT) (in Nos.)	390
6.	Access Node Rural Automatic Exchnage (ANRAX) commissioned (in Nos.)	239